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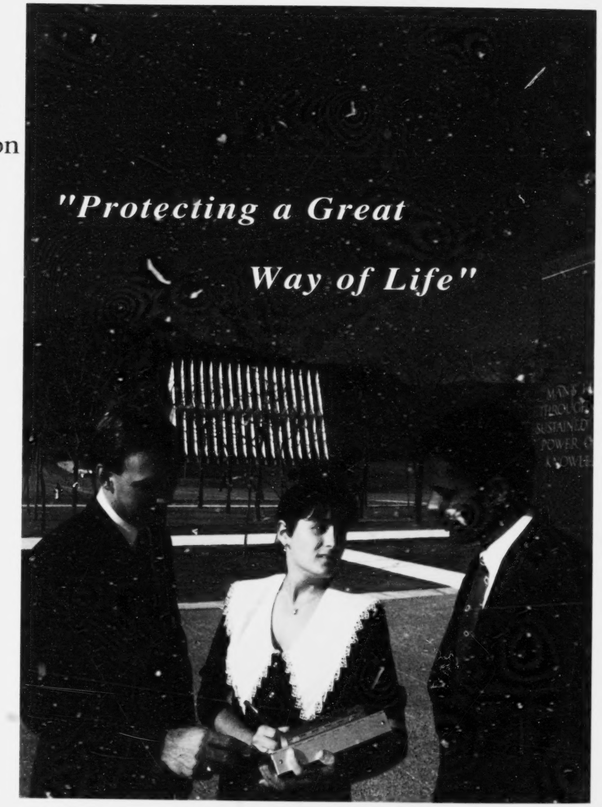
Office of Special Investigations
is a dynamic and vibrant organization which daily makes a positive contribution toward .....



OSI MISSION

OSI provides criminal, fraud, counterintelligence, and special investigative services worldwide to protect Air Force resources so the Air Force can maintain its capability to fly, fight -- and win!

OSI was created in 1948 as a result of a major fraud investigation involving the Army Air Force's procurement system. The architects of OSI wanted an organization which was centrally directed. Over the years, OSI has preserved its integrity and independence.

Today, OSI is a separate operating agency reporting to the Secretary of the Air Force through the Air Force Inspector General. The organization has active duty, civilian, and reserve special agents located worldwide. These agents are highly motivated, well trained professionals who investigate violations of the military and civilian laws of the United States and help protect the people, property, and the security of the United States Air Force.

Most of OSI's people are active duty military, both officer and non-commissioned officer. OSI's military special agents usually spend most of their careers in OSI. Civilian special agents also comprise a significant portion of OSI's criminal investigative and counterintelligence force. Civilians come to OSI with prior experience as well as directly off college campuses. Along with agents, OSI members include specialists in areas such as information management, supply, computers, finance, personnel and other specialized support fields.

This is the story of OSI members and their work.

FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

Fraud undermines public confidence in DOD procurements

Counterfeit and non-conforming aircraft parts present a clear danger to aircrew safety

OSI was founded to provide a centralized organization to investigate allegations of procurement fraud. Today the Executive Branch, Congress, and Department of Defense (DOD) place major emphasis on fraud against the government. OSI pays particular attention to the efficiency with which it detects and neutralizes fraud in relation to the magnitude of potential loss and limited investigative resources.

Significant actions in the form of recoveries, indictments, and convictions best achieve criminal deterrence. In that vein, OSI carefully assesses which fraud matters it will investigate. OSI's intent is to concentrate its resources on those cases which will provide the greatest return to the Air Force. In an era of budget cuts, this becomes increasingly important.

FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

OSI works as a full participating investigations team member with other DOD agencies in prosecuting fraud against the government

With this philosophy in mind, OSI assigns agents to major Air Force acquisition and logistics centers which spend the bulk of the Air Force budget. Major emphasis is put on cases involving product substitution, bribery, cost mischarging, and criminal defective pricing.

Additionally, OSI has joined with other DOD and federal investigative agencies to create a number of joint federal task forces. Task forces investigate bid rigging, kickback schemes involving prime and subcontractors, and major accounting violations involving "Top 100" contractors. OSI has found that combining the specialized talents of various agencies into one cohesive unit makes complex fraud matters easier to investigate and prosecute.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

OSI investigates all major crime affecting US Air Force personnel or their families, including homicide, rape, and robbery

A priority for OSI is the investigation of use, possession, sale, and distribution of illegal drugs. OSI's efforts to interdict the flow of illegal drugs includes an anti-smuggling program. This program uses time-sensitive drug and countraband smuggling intelligence information to protect Air Force personnel, facilities, programs, and missions.

OSI also conducts independent research to identify criminal behavior patterns which often leads to the development of new investigative approaches and techniques, and are shared with other law enforcement agencies.

OSI Agents make an armed arrest of a drug suspect

OSI Agents assist in interview of juvenile victim by a doctor

An IdentiKit composite aids in identifying a possible suspect.

PROTECTIVE SERVICE OPERATIONS

As the Air Force's lead agency for antiterrorism and protective services, OSI undertakes various activities designed to counter the terrorist threat. In addition to investigating terrorist incidents involving Air Force personnel and property, carefully selected OSI agents are called upon to conduct protective service operations to ensure the safety of Air Force and other US and visiting foreign government officials. These protective operations take place throughout the world wherever and whenever the safety of the dignitary is in question. OSI also provides specialized antiterrorism training to persons likely to be terrorist targets.

OSI Agents conduct protective services worldwide

OSI Agents train extensively in protective services operations: here Agents learn to evade an attack

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATIONS

It is OSI's responsibility for neutralizing or minimizing threats from foreign intelligence services

Within the Air Force, OSI is solely responsible for the counterintelligence mission: to counter the threat to Air Force interests posed by foreign intelligence services and terrorist groups. To effectively do this, OSI performs a variety of broad counterintelligence and security services.

The OSI counterintelligence collections program is designed to identify and assess threats to the Air Force and other DOD interests worldwide. It is OSI's first step in neutralizing or minimizing threats from foreign intelligence services and terrorist groups. Acquired information is analyzed, assessed, and disseminated to appropriate Air Force commanders and US agencies for security planning and use in antiterrorist and counterintelligence operations.

Another counterintelligence service is the defensive awareness briefing program which informs Air Force personnel of espionage and terrorism threats.

Foreign intelligence targeting and penetration attempts directed against the Air Force continue to be a serious threat to the Air Force's mission. OSI works to detect, neuralize, and destroy the effectiveness of foreign intelligence services targeting of Air Force resources.

..... espionage photography

Surveillance ..... a clandestine meet with foreign intelligence agent

Intelligence agent being expelled as a result of OSI's counterintelligence efforts

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

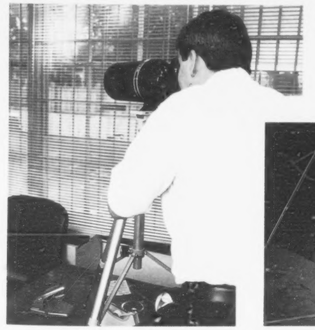
OSI provides specialized investigative support to OSI investigations worldwide in five specific areas....

Technical Services • Forensics
Clinical Psychology • Computer Crime
Polygraph

Technical Services

The Countermeasures Program and Technical Support Operations constitute the primary mission areas of OSI Technical Services. The first seeks to ensure the technical security of sensitive Air Force facilities. The second is a traditional law enforcement function. Since its creation, Technical Services has continually expanded its inventory to include sophisticated state-of-the-art equipment.

Using advanced receivers and detection equipment..... Agents conduct countermeasure "sweeps" of sensitive facilities



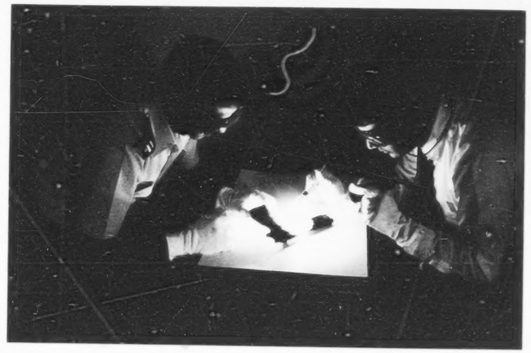
Technical Agents may conduct lawfully authorized intercepts of communications (wiretap and eavesdrop) as well as video or photographic surveillance

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

Forensic Consultants use an advanced state-of-the-art laser to develop crime scene fingerprints

Forensic Consultants

Forensic Consultants are assigned at regional locations throughout OSI and provide on-scene investigative assistance in cases involving notorious, complex, or serial crimes. They are an Air Force asset for all child abuse investigations worldwide. In this capacity, they also serve as members of the DOD Family Advocacy Command Assistance Team.



Computer Crime Investigators review computer evidence at a crime scene

Computer Crime Investigations

Computer Crime Investigators are invaluable whenever a computer is used to commit a crime, a computer is the target of the crime, or if evidence of criminal activity may reside on a computer. The computer crime investigators design and develop data bases so complex information can be organized, retrieved, and analyzed during complicated investigations. They also perform assessments of computer security.

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

Clinical Psychology

OSI is in the forefront of psychological applications in criminal investigations and counterintelligence. These psychological advances focus on supporting investigations, providing human reliability, and directing research. Psychological profiling, psychological autopsy, and forensic hypnosis are frequently used behavioral science techniques. Specialists are available for consultation or on-scene assistance at all OSI locations.

Polygraph

OSI is solely responsible for all polygraph matters within the Air Force, and is a leader in the federal polygraph community. One mission of this program is to provide an invaluable investigative tool for use in criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations. A second mission is the Counterintelligence Security Polygraph or screening program to detect and deter espionage against the US. It applies to individuals involved in many special security programs.

A Special Agent reviews polygraph charts

Clinical Psychologist conducts an hypnotic interview

TRAINING

The US Air Force Special Investigations Academy provides the knowledge and skills to succeed as a Special Agent

The US Air Force Special Investigations Academy instructs OSI agent candidates and various US federal and allied country investigators in investigative skills. The Special Investigators Course is ten weeks long and is divided into four core areas: law, collections, investigations, and operations. Specific areas include: forensics; crime scene processing; and other investigative skills.

The Academy staff provides the bulk of the instruction but outside experts also teach. Instruction is roughly 50% each classroom lecture and seminar for individualized instruction. The curriculum-lesson objectives, lesson plans, and examinations are developed with input from the criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence directorates. The training is a very effective, flexible, and balanced program of lecture, reading material, video, and practical exercise. The result is a knowledgeable, highly motivated special agent, confident that he or she can succeed on the streets.

OSI Academy students learn Special Agent skills

LIAISON

Effective and efficient criminal investigations and counterintelligence require the cooperation of many agencies and organizations, not only at the federal level, but state, local, and international as well.

OSI agents work closely with such agencies as the FBI, DEA, Secret Service, Customs, Interpol, state police, and local county sheriff's offices to ensure rapid exchange of criminal intelligence and mutual assistance. Continuous cooperation occurs between OSI and a large number of allied agencies in countries where the Air Force is located.

Cooperation with US and allied agencies is a daily occurrence

OSI RESERVE PROGRAM

OSI Reserve Agents' civilian expertise transitions to detachment operations worldwide

OSI has an Air Force Reserve program of special agent and information manager positions filled by Individual Mobilization Augmentees who perform periodic duty (two week tours and one training day per month) with OSI units worldwide.

OSI Reservists provide a flexible manpower pool to meet operational requirements or fast-breaking world situations which demand a personnel surge. OSI Reservists work hand-in-hand with active duty agents on a wide spectrum of activities such as:

Protective Service Operations
Major Fraud Task Force Investigations
Arson Investigations
Background Investigations Overseas
Developing Training for Active and Reserve Agents Worldwide

OSI Reservists bring considerable experience and expertise to OSI through their civilian careers. While many OSI Reservists come from law enforcement disciplines, OSI also takes pride in Reservists who are:

College Professors
Auditors
Businessmen
Lawyers
Computer Experts
Medical Doctors

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